

Christmas Island Flora—Additional Notes.

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Tristiropsis nativitatis, Hemsl.

Mr. Hemsley has since the publication of this report given a figure of this plant from specimens collected by me in the *Icones Plantarum* No. 2812, as *Tristiropsis Ridleyi* order *Sapindaceae* tribe *Melicocceae*. He says it almost certainly belongs to the same species as a specimen collected by Lister in 1887, but the leaves and leaflets of that were twice the size, and Lister notes the tree is 100 feet high and 13 feet through. I never saw one nearly as large as this, in the island. Flowers are much wanted of this.

Dendrobium pectinatum, Ridl.

I find that this name is already occupied by another species, so the name must be changed to *D. nativitatis*. Dr. Christ has examined some of the ferns I sent him which were somewhat doubtful and gives the following identifications.

Asplerium paradoxum, Bl.

One specimen I got in Christmas Island proves to belong to this species. It is very doubtful however how far this can be kept distinct from *A. macrophyllum*.

Pleocnemia gigantea, Hook.

Common in the Plateau, Phosphate Hill and Flying Fish cave. An addition to the Flora.

Gymnopteris variabilis (*Leptochilus variabilis*).

He gives this latter name to the plant mentioned by me as *G. Listeri* Bak.

G. heteroclita, (*Leptochilus peteroclita*).

A plant collected by me on the plateau (No. 177) of which I have also living plants at the Botanic Gardens.